

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 381

By McCormick

A RESOLUTION to commend Robert Leonard for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session the members of the General Assembly are pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Robert Leonard is one such individual, who distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Majority Leader Gerald McCormick; Robert's work resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a student at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, where he is highly regarded by his peers, Robert has achieved academic success while majoring in political science and communications studies and participating in numerous extracurricular activities, including serving as recruitment chairman for Kappa Sigma, and president of *The Odyssey*, a fraternity newspaper. He is also a member of Phi Eta Sigma, and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee State government and to further his studies, Robert brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2015 session of the One Hundred Ninth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2015 legislative session, Robert surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his internship with Majority Leader Gerald McCormick, Robert has served in other roles, including serving as East Tennessee field director for the Victory Campaign Tennessee GOP, field team member for Lamar Alexander's campaign in 2014, intern

for Congressman John Duncan Jr. in 2012 and 2014, intern for Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett, and head of the UTK student outreach for Bob Corker's campaign in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Robert Leonard performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Robert Leonard for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Majority Leader Gerald McCormick and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.